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RE: Docket ID: CDC-2008-0001

Docket Title: Medical Examination of Aliens – Removal of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection from Definition of Communicable Disease of Public Health Significance
RIN: 0920-AA26

Dear Sir/ Madam:

I and my organization, GALAN Health Care, support the proposed rule that would lift the immigration ban on visitors and immigrants living with HIV/AIDS, stop unfair mandatory HIV testing of immigrants, and remove references to HIV from the scope of examinations in its regulations. This change will restore the U.S. as a leader in the areas of human rights, equal treatment under law, and public health.

The change is needed because:

- There is no scientific or public health justification for HIV-related restrictions on entry, stay, and residence.
- Restrictions on entry, stay, and residence based on HIV status are discriminatory
- The enforcement of HIV-related restrictions on entry, stay, and residence can, and does, violate other human rights.
- HIV related restrictions on entry, stay, and residence can impede effective responses to HIV and lead to increased number of new HIV infections.

Sincerely,

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